Reply of Government.—Religious worship is a matter to be provided for mainly by the different sects interested. No general supplementing of funds such as that asked for is possible.

Subject No. 42.

Lectures in temples and Maths under Government management.

Mr. Srinivasa Josier of Yedugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—In all important temples and *maths* under Government management, the pandits employed therein may be ordered to deliver lectures on morality and religion for the benefit of the people, just as arrangements have of late been made in some institutions for the reading of puranas.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter in which private persons should be induced to do what is needful. Government will of course gladly co-operate where possible.

Subject No. 43.

The daily Naivedya to be increased.

Mr. Tirumale Sri Rangachar, Local Fund Board, Mysore Circle.

Summary of discussion.—Tasdiks are being enjoyed by temples established in olden times. The temple servants, in addition to the small pay allowed to them, used to participate in the daily Naivedya prepared for the deities. In the recent revision of the establishments and tasdiks allowed to these temples, the quantity of rice allotted for daily Naivedya was reduced, and even the Naivedya allowed to be offered on special occasions has also been made reduced, and in fact is only nominal, thus defeating the objects of the original granters of the tasdiks. In the Nanjangud institution, perhaps no great retrenchment was made in the daily Naivedya. But in the Melkote temple it has been greatly reduced. The arrangements originally made by previous rulers for the purpose of ensuring due performance of the daily worship in the temples in the State according to sastras and of affording livelihood to a number of Brahmans may be adhered to. "Devatâsakti" becomes reduced by the reduction of Naivedya fit for *devatas*.

Reply of Government.—As a general rule, this is a matter to be arranged for by the devotees of each temple.

Subject No. 44.

Inam lands to temples and chattrams, &c.

Mr. Srinivasa Josier of Yedugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha of Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—There are many persons who wish to make endowments of land to temples and chattrams for feeding purposes. The Government may be pleased to sell available Government land (*i. e.* wet land) at Rs. 50 an acre for such purposes.

Reply of Government.—If persons who intend making such endowments apply, orders will be passed on a consideration of the circumstances of each case. No general orders can be issued in the matter.

Subject No. 45.

Repairs to temples.

Mr. Narsimhaiya of Anekal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Many temples without Government *tasdiks* but with land gifts are in a dilapidated condition, and their repairs are urgently called for. One-half of the cost may be borne by Government, the other half being contributed by villagers. In most cases the *pujaris* have alienated inams granted in their favor for temple services. Such inams may be resumed. [This is with reference to two temples at Attibele.]

Messrs. Venkatramiah and Krishnappa of Channarayapatna Taluk

(*b*) The *pujari* enjoying inam lands does not execute